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Addendum

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1. Paragraph 12: Portugal will develop a new strategy to replace the National Disability Strategy 2011-2013 ("Estrategia Nacional para a Deficiencia 2011-2013) which will be called Green Book and Agenda for Inclusion ("Livro Verde e Agenda para a Inclusao". The calendar for its development is already defined and persons with disabilities and the associations representing them will be consulted during the process.

2. Paragraph 65. The first meeting of the National Independent Monitoring Mechanism of the Convention took place in December 2016. It was organized by the member of the Government in charge of the area of the rights of persons with disabilities and it aimed at promoting a first contact between the members of the Mechanism. The National Monitoring Mechanism of the Convention on of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has a total of 10 members:

- A member of the Parliament;
- A representative of the Ombudsman ("Provedor de Justiça), the National Human Rights Institution according to the Paris Principles;
- A representative of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee (PNHRC);
- A representative of the Disability Commission;
- An NGO representative of blind persons;
- An NGO representative of deaf persons;
- An NGO representative of persons with physical disabilities;
- An NGO representative of persons with intellectual disabilities;
- An NGO representative of persons with organic disability;
- A member of the academy with recognized merit.